

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Vitali TARAROV et al. : Confirmation No.: 3660
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Serial No.: 10/578,706 : Group Art Unit: 1625
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Filed: May 10, 2006 : Examiner: Bernard DENTZ

For: METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF STATINS

Attorney Docket No.: LNK-014

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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the election of species requirement dated **November 30, 2007**, response for which is due on or before **December 31, 2007** (December 30th being a Sunday), Applicants provisionally elect **with traverse** a process for producing atorvastatin using the reaction variants recited in part (c) of claim 4 and respectfully submit that claims 1-12 and 15 read on the elected species. However, Applicants request reconsideration of the restriction in view of the following remarks: